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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
November 14, 2014
SM113B, 9:30-10:30 AM

Present: Phil Anloague, Paul Benson, Erin Brown, Jim Dunne, Harry Gerla, Linda Hartley, Emily Hicks, Carissa Krane, Laura Leming Ed Mykytka, Kathy Webb

Absent: Dominique Yantko

Guests: Laura Cotten (LUD), Corinne Daprano (Faculty Board), Jamie Luckett (LUD)

Opening prayer/meditation: J. Dunne opened the meeting with a prayer/meditation.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 7, 2014, ECAS meeting were approved with corrections. There was one abstention.

Announcements:

- Today's meeting time was adjusted to accommodate ECAS meeting with VPFA candidate
- Next ECAS meeting is Friday, November 21, 2014, 9:00-10:30 am, St. Mary's 113B
- Next ELC meeting is Monday, November 17, 2014, 9:30-11:30 am, President's Suite, KU 316
 - Agenda will include discussion with Advancement/Development representatives (1 hour), a short discussion about the upcoming Title IX climate survey (mandated by the Dept. of Education), and discussion of ELC charter draft. Please review draft documents for Monday
 - P. Benson explained that the federally mandated Title IX survey is more extensive than first thought. The survey will be administered by Modern Think and is scheduled to be released Monday, November 24, 2014. Questions should be directed to Dr. Curran.
- The December ELC meeting will be held Monday, December 15, 2014, 9:30-11:30 am
- Heidi Gauder will attend next week's ECAS to help facilitate conversation about information literacy competencies. E. Hicks compiled documentation from previous ECAS discussions. C. Krane will distribute it with next week's agenda
- The ECAS meeting scheduled for December 19, 2014 will stay on the calendar for now

Reports from Committees:

Academic Policies Committee: E. Mykytka reported that the APC began a review of the priorities that are used by the University's Calendar Committee in setting the academic calendar and which were last reviewed in 2009 prior to the introduction of the January intersession. In addition to the priority given to standard elements such as the numbers of class days, starting and ending dates, holidays, and so on, particular attention will be given to the duration of the intersession and the possibility of incorporating a week-long spring break that would encompass St. Patrick's Day. This review is motivated (in part) by the fact that, given current priorities and practice, the inclusion of such a spring break would appear to require the Spring semester to start as early as January 9 in the 2016-17 academic year, limiting the intersession to single week following the New Year's holiday. The committee will continue this conversation at its next meeting on November 25 joined by the University's Registrar, Tom Westendorf.

Responses received from the Graduate Leadership Council and the academic units to the APC's draft policy on academic certificate programs will also be discussed at this meeting as time permits.

The appropriate length of the intersession was discussed. The Registrar's Office has not received pushback from faculty about the steady erosion of intersession. However, L. Leming cautions that not getting pushback is not evidence that faculty do not care. The calendar shifts every year and many faculty may think that it will swing back at some point.

Faculty Affairs Committee: H. Gerla reported that the committee met on Tuesday, November 11th and discussed the reconciliation of the by-laws of the faculty hearing committees with the new university nondiscrimination and anti-harassment policy. The language is being finalized and will be reviewed by the committee via email. In general, the language has been changed to accommodate the expanded nondiscrimination and anti-harassment policy. The hearing committees will be bound by the determination of the equity/compliance process except in matters before the FHC-Academic Freedom and Tenure concerning issues of academic freedom. The FHC-AFT reserves the right to make an independent decision on issues pertaining to academic freedom. In the course of these discussions, the question why Promotion is considered by the FHC on Grievances rather than the FHC-AFT was raised. The committee has not received a proposal from SEHS for clinical faculty titles.

Next FAC meeting: Tuesday, November 25, 2014, at 10:30 in KU 311.

Student Academic Policies Committee: L. Leming reported that the SAPC had not met since the last ECAS meeting. The latest draft revisions to the Academic Honor Code have attempted to clarify some procedural issues in keeping with existing University policies regarding issues such as withdrawals, for example. In keeping with the Deans Council request this summer—when that body reviewed an earlier draft of the SAPC's Academic Misconduct policy revision—the latest revision has now been forwarded to the Graduate Leadership Council for further consultation. In addition, the draft will be returned to the Deans Council for discussion during an upcoming meeting.

Next SAPC meeting: Monday, December 1, 2014, at 9:00 in HM 257.

Faculty Board Report: C. Daprano reported that the Faculty Association lunch about CAP went well with about 55 people in attendance. Please seem to recognize the value of CAP. The feedback expressed some frustration with the backlog of course approvals and concern about the sunseting of old courses before the appropriate CAP course is approved. E. Hicks suggested that the Faculty Board consider a session evaluation. P. Benson stated that Janet Bednarek's overview of CAP ("Recap of CAP") was useful and lucid. He suggested that she be asked to record her remarks on video that could be linked to the CAP webpages. It would be very useful for new faculty, for example.

New Business:

Academic Scheduling Task Force: L. Hartley and P. Anloague gave a brief overview of the task force's report for today's Senate meeting. Richard Stock will attend. Today's presentation will start the conversation. There will be time for further discussion and possibly vote on a resolution at the December Academic Senate meeting. P. Benson stated that the survey results gave some very strong evidence for change. The survey results/recommendations will be on the agenda for the December Provost's Council and discussions will be accelerated due to upcoming scheduling conflicts. If changes are made, it will be important for everyone to share in the responsibility. L. Hartley and P. Anloague were commended for their work leading this task force.

Old Business:

UNRC Update: E. Hicks reported that there were 4 nominations for the University Honorary Degree Committee. She has passed along those names to P. Benson. C. Krane will encourage Senators to volunteer or encourage others to volunteer at today's Senate meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Hicks

Work in Progress

Task	Source	Previously assigned	To	Work due	Due
Consultation	ECAS	ECAS	ECAS	Open communication	ongoing
Instructional staff titles	Provost's office		FAC		
Information Literacy			ECAS	Charge	
AS Constitution revision	ECAS		ECAS		
Dismissal for academic dishonesty	SBA	SAPC	Deans' Council		
Policy for academic certificate programs			APC		
Nondiscrimination & anti-harassment policy	Legal		FAC, SAPC	Comments/recommendations	
Review of Faculty Hearing Committees' by-laws	ECAS		FAC		
Academic scheduling task force	ECAS		ECAS	Report	12/15/14
Review ECAS/Senate representation on Elections Committee	ECAS		FAC		
Review ECAS/Senate representation on UNRC	ECAS		FAC		
Tasks ongoing					

CAP oversight	Senate		APC	Hear monthly reports	
UNRC			ECAS	Hear monthly reports	